

A Full and True R E L A T I O N
O F T H E

Examination and Confession

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W. Barwick and E. Mangall,

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H O R R I D M U R D E R S,

One Committed by *William Barwick* upon his Wife being with Child, near *Cawood* in *Yorkshire*, upon the 14th. of *April* last: As likewise a full Account how it came to be discovered by an *Apparition* of the Person M U R D E R ' D.

The Second was committed by *Edward Mangall*, upon *Elizabeth Johnson* alias *Ringrose*, and her *Bastard Child*, on the 4th. of *September* last, who said he was tempted thereto by the Devil.

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Their Trials and Convictions before the Honorable Sir *John Powel*, Knight, one of Their Majesties Justices, at the Assizes holden at *York*, on the 16th. of *September*, 1690.

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AS MURDER is one of the Greatest Crimes that Man can be guilty of, so is it no less Strangely and Providentially discovered, when privately committed. The foul Criminal believes himself secure, because there was no Witness of the Fact. Not considering that the All-seeing Eye of Heaven beholds his conceal'd Iniquity, and by some means or other bringing it to Light, never permits it to go Unpunished. And indeed so certainly does the Revenge of God pursue the Abominated MURDERER that when Witnesses are wanting of the Fact, the very Ghost of the Murdered-Parties cannot rest quiet in their Graves, till they have made the Detection themselves. Of this we are now to give the Reader,

Two Remarkable Examples that lately happened in *Yorkshire*; And no less Signal for the Truth of both Tragedies, as being confirmed by Trial of the Offenders, at the last Assizes held for that County.

The First of these Murders was committed by *William Barwick*, upon the Body of *Mary Barwick*, his Wife, at the same time big with Child. What were the Motives that induc'd the Man to do this Horrid Fact, does not appear by the Examination of the Evidence, or the Confession of the Party: Only it appeared upon his Trial that he had got her with Child, before he Married her: And 'tis very probable that being then constrained to Marry her, he grew weary of her; which was the Reason he was so willing to be rid of her, tho'

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he ventur'd Body and Soul to accomplish his Design.

The Murder was committed upon *Palm-Monday*, being the Fourteenth of *April* last, about Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, at what time the said *Barwick* having drill'd his Wife along till he came to a certain *Clofe*, within sight of *Cawood-Castle*, where he found the Conveniency of a Pond, he threw her by force into the Water, and when she was Drown'd, and drawn forth again by himself upon the Bank of the Pond, had the Cruelty to behold the Motion of the Infant, yet warm in her Womb. This done, he conceal'd the Body, as it may readily be suppos'd among the Bushes, that usually encompass a Pond, and the next night, when it grew duskish, fetching a Hay-spade from a Rick that stood in the *Clofe*, he made a Hole by the side of the Pond, and there slightly Buried the Woman in her Cloaths.

Having thus dispatched two at once, and thinking himself secure, because (unseen) he went the same day to his Brother-in-Law, one *Thomas Lofthouse* of *Rufforth*, within Three Miles of *York*, who had Married his drown'd Wifes Sister, and told him he had carried his Wife to one *Richard Harrison's* House in *Selby*, who was his Uncle, and would take care of her. But Heaven would not be so deluded, but rais'd up the Ghost of the Murder'd Woman to make the Discovery. And therefore it was that upon the *Easter-Tuesday* following, about Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, the fore-mention'd *Lofthouse*, having occasion to Water a Quickset Hedge, not far from his House, as he was going for the Second Pail-full, an Apparition went before him in the Shape of a Woman, and soon after sat down upon a Rising Green Grass-Plat, right over against the Pond: He walk'd by her as he went to the Pond; and as he return'd with his Pail from the Pond, looking side-ways to see whether she continu'd in the same place, he found she did; and that she seem'd to Dandle something in her Lap, that look'd like a White-Bag (as he thought) which he did not observe before. So soon as he had emptied his Pail, he went into his Yard, and stood still to try whether he could see her again; but she was vanish'd.

In his Information, he says, That the Woman seem'd to be habited in a Brown Colour'd Petticoat, Wastecoat, and a White Hood; such a one as his Wifes Sister usually wore; and that her Countenance look'd extream Pale and Wan, with her Teeth in sight, but no Gums appearing; and that her Physiognomy was like to that of his Wifes Sister, who was Wife to *William Barwick*.

But notwithstanding the Ghostliness of this Apparition, it seems it made so little Impression in *Lofthouse's* Mind, that he thought no more of it, neither did he speak to any Body concerning it, till the same Night as he was at his Family Duty of Prayer, that that Apparition return'd again to his Thoughts, and discompos'd his Devotion;

So that after he had made an end of his Prayers, he told the whole Story of what he had seen to his Wife: Who laying Circumstances together, immediately inferr'd, that her Sister was either Drown'd, or otherwise Murder'd, and desir'd her Husband to look after her the next day, which was the Wednesday in *Easter-Week*. Upon this, *Lofthouse* recollecting what *Barwick* had told him of his carrying his Wife to his Uncle at *Selby*, repairs to *Harrison* before-mentioned, but found all that *Barwick* had said to be false; for that *Harrison* had neither heard of *Barwick* nor his Wife, neither did he know any thing of them. Which notable Circumstance, together with that other of the Apparition increas'd his Suspicions to that degree, that now concluding his Wifes Sister was Murdered, he went to the Lord Mayor of *York*; and having obtained his Warrant, got *Barwick* apprehended: who was no sooner brought before the Lord Mayor, but his own Conscience then accusing him, he acknowledged the whole Matter, as it has been already related, as it appears by his Examination and Confession herewith Printed: To which are also annex'd the Informations of *Lofthouse*, in like manner taken before the Lord Mayor of *York*, for a further Testimony and Confirmation of what is here set down.

On Wednesday the Sixteenth of September 1690, The Criminal *William Barwick* was brought to his Trial before the Honorable Sir *John Powel*, Knight, one of the Judges of the Northern Circuit, at the Assizes holden at *York*, where the Prisoner pleaded not guilty to his Indictment: But upon the Evidence of *Thomas Lofthouse*, and his Wife, and a Third Person, That the Woman was found Buried in her Cloaths in the *Clofe* by the Pond-side, agreeable to the Prisoner's Confession, and that she had several Bruises on her Head, occasioned by the Blows the Murderer had given her to keep her under Water: and upon Reading the Prisoner's Confession before the Lord Mayor of *York*, attested by the Clerk, who wrote the Confession, and who swore the Prisoner's owning and signing it for Truth, he was found Guilty, and Sentenced to death, and afterwards ordered to be hang'd in Chains.

All the Defence which the Prisoner made, was only this, That he was threatned into the Confession that he had made, and was in such a Consternation, that he did not know what he said or did. But then it was sworn by Two Witnesses, that there was no such thing as any Threatning made use of; but that he made a Free and Voluntary Confession, only with this Addition at first; That he told the Lord Mayor, he had sold his Wife for Five Shillings: But not being able to name either the Person or the Place where she might be produc'd, that was look'd upon as too frivolous to out-weigh Circumstances, that were Proofs too apparent.

The Information of *Thomas Lofthouse*, of *Rufforth*, taken upon Oath the Twentyfourth Day of *April 1690*,

WH O sayeth and deposeth, That one *William Barwick*, who lately Married this Informant's Wifes Sister came to this Informant's House, about the Fourteenth instant, and told this Informant, he had carried his Wife to one *Richard Harrison's House* in *Selby*, who was Unkle to him, and would take care of her; and this Informant hearing nothing of the said *Barwick's Wife*, his said Sister-in-Law, imagined he had done her some mischief, did Yesterday go to the said *Harrison's House* in *Selby*, where he said he had carried her to; And the said *Harrison* told this Informant, he knew nothing of the said *Barwick*, or his Wife, and this Informant doth verily believe the said *Barwick* to have Murdered her;

Thomas Lofthouse.

*Jurat die & Anno
super dicto coram me,*

S. Dawson, Mayor.

The Examination of the said *William Barwick*, taken the Day and Year above-said,

WH O sayeth and Confesseth, That he this Examinant, on Monday was Seventh Night. about Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, this Examinant was walking in a Close, betwixt *Cawood* and *Wistow*; and he farther sayeth, that he threw his said Wife into the Pond, where she was drown'd, and the day following towards the Evening, got a Hay-spade at a Hay-stake in the said Close, and made a Grave beside the said Pond, and Buried her;

William Barwick.

*Exam. capt. die
& Anno super dict.
coram me,*

S. Dawson, Mayor.

The Examination of *William Barwick*, taken the Twenty fifth day of *April 1690*,

WH O sayeth and confesseth, That he carried his Wife over a certain *Wain-Bridge*, called *Bishopdike-bridge*, betwixt *Cawood* and *Sherburn*; and within a Lane about One Hundred Yards from the said Bridge, and on the Left-hand of the said Bridge, he and his Wife went over a Stile, on the Left-hand of a certain Gate, entring into a certain Close, on the Left-hand of the said Lane; and in a Pond in the said Close, adjoining to a *Quickwood-hedge*, did Drown his Wife, and upon the Bank of the said Pond, did Bury her: And further, that he was within sight of *Cawood Castle*, on the Left-hand; and that there was but one Hedge betwixt the said Close, where he Drown'd his said Wife, and the *Bishop-slates* belonging to the said Castle;

William Barwick.

*Exam. capt. die
& Anno super dict.
coram me,
S. Dawson, Mayor.*

On Tuesday September the Seventeenth 1690, at *York Assizes*.

THomas Lofthouse of *Rufforth*, within Three Miles of *York City*, sayeth that on Easter Tuesday last, about Half an Hour after Twelve of the Clock, in the day time, he was Watering *Quickwood*, and as he was going for the second Pail, there appeared walking before him, an Apparition in the Shape of a Woman, soon after she sat down over against the Pond, on a *Green-Hill*, he walked by her as he went to the Pond, and as he came with the Pail of Water from the Pond, looking side-ways to see if she sat in the same Place, which he saw she did; and had on her Lap something like a White Bag, a dandling of it (as he thought) which he did not observe before: After he had emptied his Pail of Water, he stood in his Tard, to see if he could see her again; but could not: He says her Apparel was Brown Cloaths, Wastecoa and Petticoat, a White hood, such as his Wifes Sister usually wore, and her Face looked extream Pale, her Teeth in sight, no Gums appearing, her Visage being like his Wifes Sister, and Wife to *William Barwick*.

Signed
Thomas Lofthouse.

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TH E Second was a Murder committed by one *Edward Mangall*, upon the Body of *Elizabeth Johnson* alias *Ringrose*, the Fourth of September last past, at a Place called *King's Causey*, near *Adling-fleet*, in the County of *York*. He had got her with Child, at least as she pretended; and was brought to Bed of a Boy, which she called *William*, and laid him to *Mangall's* Charge, and required him to Marry her: which he refused at first to do, but afterwards pretending to make her his Wife, bid her go before him down *Kings Causey*, towards the Church, and he would follow her, as he did; but knock'd out her Brains in a Close by the Way, and at the same time, as was shrewdly suspected, Kill'd the Child.

This *Mangall* being Examined by Mr. *William Mauleverer* the Coroner confessed that he had Murder'd the Woman; but denied that he medd'd with the Boy. And being ask'd why he Murder'd the Woman, he made answer that the Devil put him upon it; appearing to him in a Flash of Lightning, and directing him where to find the Club, wherewith he committed the Murder. So ready is the Devil with his Temptations, when he find a Tempter easie to work upon.

He was Convicted and found Guilty upon the Evidence of *Ann Hinde*, and his own Confession to the Coroner, as may be seen by the Information annexed; and was thereupon Sentenced to death, and order'd to be Hang'd in Chains, as *Barwick* was before him, he making no Defence for himself for so Foul and Horrid a Murder, but that he was tempted thereto by the Devil.

Informations taken upon Oath, September the 10th 1690.

The Information of *Ann Hinde*, Wife of *James Hinde*, of *Adling-fleet*, in the County of *York*, Husband-man, upon her Oath saith;

That on Monday, the first of September, one *Elizabeth Johnson*, alias *Ringrose*, came to her House in the Evening, with a Child she called *William*; and the said *Elizabeth* the next Day told this Deponent, That the said *Elizabeth* was going to *Gawthrope*, in the County of *Lincoln*, to seek for one *Edward Mangall*, who had got her with that Child, to see if he would Marry her: Upon which this Deponent went with the said *Elizabeth*, to perswade him to Marry her; but he denied having any dealings with her. But

this Deponent doth further Depose, That on the fourth of September, the said *Edward* came to this Deponents House, and asked for the said *Elizabeth*; if she were there she might serve a Warrant on him, if she had one, for he was going to *Rawclyff*, to consult his Friends about it; and after some private Discourse had betwixt the said *Edward* and the said *Elizabeth*, the said *Elizabeth* told this Deponent, that he said, The said *Elizabeth* might go down *King's-Cawsey*, and he would follow her, and Marry her: And this Deponent did see the said *Elizabeth* go down *King's-Cawsey*; and a little after this Deponent saw the said *Edward* also go down the *King's-Cawsey*; and after that, this Deponent did not see the said *Elizabeth*, nor the said Child till she saw them lye dead.

Ann Hinde,

Capt. 10. die
Septembris 1690,

By me

W. Mauleverer.

Un. Coron. Commit. pradiit.

THE Examination of *Edward Mangall*, upon the Murder of *Elizabeth Johnson* alias *Ringrose*, taken before me *William Mauleverer* Gent. one of the Coroners of Our Sovereign Lord and Lady King *William* and Queen *Mary*, &c.

THE said *Edward Mangall* did confess, that he did Murder the said *Elizabeth Johnson* alias *Ringrose*, upon the Fourth Day of September instant, in a Close nigh to *King's Causey*, he being asked the Reason, said the Devil put him upon it, appearing to him in a Flash of Lightning; but denied that he meddled with *William Johnson* alias *Ringrose* the Child.

Taken the 10th of
September 1690.

By me

W. Mauleverer, Coroner,

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